

c) utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.

41. (New) A network database management system for accessing information on a network, the system comprising:

means for allowing a first system to submit a query to a second system;

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means for processing the query with the second system, wherein the second system utilizes only information not residing on the second system to process the query;

and

means for utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.

42. (New) A computer readable medium containing program instructions for accessing information on a network, the program instructions comprising the steps of:

a) allowing a first system to submit a query to a second system;

b) processing the query with the second system wherein the second system utilizes only information not residing on the second system to process the query; and

c) utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.